

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 23-20896-CIV-LENARD/LOUIS

KERI WUJCIK-PAQUETTE,

Plaintiff,

v.

NCL (BAHAMAS) LTD,  
a Bermuda Company d/b/a  
NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE,

Defendant.

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**ORDER REFERRING DISCOVERY DISPUTES AND CERTAIN PRETRIAL  
MOTIONS TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE; DIRECTING PARTIES TO FILE  
CERTIFICATES OF INTERESTED PARTIES; DIRECTING PARTIES TO FILE  
A NOTICE OF REFILING AND/OR OF RELATED CASES; REQUIRING  
COMPLETION OF FORM CONSENTING TO JURISDICTION BY  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE; AND REQUIRING COMPLETION OF JOINT  
SCHEDULING REPORT AND FORM**

**THIS CAUSE** is before the Court upon a sua sponte review of the file.

- 1. THIS MATTER IS REFERRED TO US MAGISTRATE JUDGE LAUREN F. LOUIS FOR PRETRIAL DISCOVERY DISPUTES AND CERTAIN NON-CASE-DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 and the Magistrate Rules of the Local Rules of the Southern District of Florida, the above-captioned cause is referred to United States Magistrate Judge **LAUREN F. LOUIS** to take all necessary and proper action as required by law with respect to **all discovery disputes and discovery motions as well as non-case-dispositive motions filed under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12, 13, 14 and 15.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that**

**2. THE PARTIES SHALL SUBMIT CERTIFICATES OF INTERESTED PARTIES AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

Plaintiff, Defendants, Intervenors and Amici Curiae shall each file a Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement, which shall contain a complete list of **any and all** persons, associated persons, firms, partnerships, and/or corporations that have a financial interest in the outcome of this case, including subsidiaries, conglomerates, affiliates, parent corporations, and other identifiable legal entities related to a Party. The Parties shall take notice that this disclosure obligation exceeds the scope of that required by Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. However, if a Party is a publicly-traded corporation, that Party is directed to so state and need not provide more information than is required by Rule 7.1.

The Parties shall have **fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order** to file the original Certificate. Throughout the pendency of this action, the Parties shall remain under a continuing duty to amend, correct and update the Certificate.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that**

**3. THE PARTIES SHALL FILE NOTICES OF REILING AND/OR RELATED CASES**

The attorneys of record for the Plaintiff(s), Defendant(s), or any other party shall file a Notice of Refiling and/or of Related Cases, containing a list of any action, whether filed before a court or administrative agency, that is described in Section 2.15.00 of the Internal Operating Procedures of the Southern District of Florida. In particular, the Notice shall specifically identify and describe any action that constitutes a previous filing of the

above-captioned cause as well as any action that concerns substantially similar factual allegations and legal issues. Each Party shall have **fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order** to file the Notice, and the attorneys of record shall remain under a continuing duty to amend, correct and update the Notice.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that**

**4. THE PARTIES ARE TO JOINTLY COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM  
CONSENTING TO JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE**

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. § 636(c), the parties are notified that a United States Magistrate Judge is available to exercise the Court's jurisdiction and to conduct any or all proceedings in this case including a jury or non-jury trial, and the entry of a final judgment. The Magistrate Judge may only exercise the Court's jurisdiction, however, if all parties voluntarily consent.

Any party may, without adverse substantive consequences, withhold consent. If any party withholds consent, the identity of the parties consenting or withholding consent will not be communicated to any Magistrate Judge or to the District Judge to whom the case has been assigned.

A Party may appeal a judgment that a Magistrate Judge enters directly to the United States Court of Appeals in the same manner as the Party would appeal any other judgment of the District Court. Therefore, in light of the advantages that may be offered by trial before a U.S. Magistrate Judge, such as an earlier, or specially-set trial date, the Parties are urged to consider consenting to magistrate jurisdiction for trial and other related matters. **Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order**, counsel shall, after conferring with

their respective clients, meet in person, by telephone or by other comparable means to complete and file the attached form titled, “Joint Consent to Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge.”

To the extent that this Order conflicts with the Local Rules, this Order supersedes them. The Parties and all counsel are reminded of their ongoing duties to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules for the Southern District of Florida, including Rules 5.1(a)-(d) and 7.1(a)-(f).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that**

**5. THE PARTIES SHALL PREPARE AND FILE A JOINT SCHEDULING REPORT AND FORM**

Pursuant to Southern District of Florida Local Rule 16.1(B), counsel for all Parties (or the Party, if proceeding pro se) shall meet in person, by telephone or by other comparable means for a scheduling conference and shall prepare the Joint Scheduling Report and Form.

**THEREFORE,**

**Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order,** the Parties shall file a Joint Scheduling Report. The Report shall be submitted jointly by the Parties; unilateral reports will not be accepted. The Joint Scheduling Report shall include the following information:

1. A discussion of the likelihood of settlement;
2. A discussion of the likelihood of appearance in the action of additional parties;
3. The necessity or desirability of amendments to the pleadings;

4. A proposal for the formulation and simplification of issues, including the elimination of frivolous claims or defenses;
5. Suggestions for the avoidance of unnecessary proof and of cumulative evidence;
6. A discussion of possible admissions of fact; of possible stipulations regarding the authenticity of documents; and of the need for advance rulings from the Court on the admissibility of evidence;
7. A preliminary estimate of the time required for trial; and
8. Any other information that might be helpful to the Court.

**IN ADDITION,**

As an attachment to the Joint Scheduling Report, **the Parties shall also file a completed copy of the attached form, titled “Joint Scheduling Form.”** All deadlines provided in the form shall be date specific, e.g. January 1, 2006. The Court shall issue a Scheduling Order incorporating, whenever possible, the dates requested by the Parties and counsel. All Parties and counsel shall comply with the time periods adopted in the Scheduling Order so as not to disrupt the dates set for the pretrial conference and trial. The dates and deadlines established by the Scheduling Order shall not be amended without leave of Court upon a showing of good cause.

The Parties and counsel need not submit a proposed Scheduling Order.

**6. MEDIATION**

In addition to ordering all Parties to participate in mediation following the close of discovery, the Court may order all parties to participate in initial mediation within sixty (60) days upon the appearance of all Parties to this action. In the event initial mediation is

unsuccessful in resolving all claims, the Parties shall be required to participate in a subsequent mediation no later than two (2) weeks after the close of fact discovery.

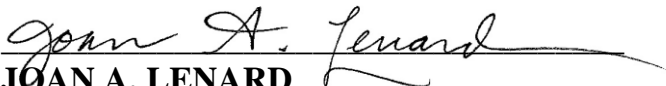
**IT IS ORDERED that**

Plaintiff(s) is/are hereby **DIRECTED** to provide a copy of this Order to all Parties entering an appearance or filing a response in this matter who are not currently reflected below.

**LAST, IT IS ORDERED that**

The body of all filings shall be doubled-spaced (with the exception of block quotations) and shall be printed in 12 point or larger type in an easily-readable font. All page limitations set forth by the Local Rules shall be observed. Non-compliant filings may be stricken from the record.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami, Florida this 10th day of April, 2023.

  
**JOAN A. LENARD**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**